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In the Richmond Dispatch, April 14, 1901, it is stated that the last survivor of the Point Pleasant veterans was Ellis Hughes, who passed away at Utica, O., in 1840, over ninety years of age. In early manhood he may have lived in the Lower Levels of our county. Now if it was known what month Huges died in, it could be decided who was the last one of the veterans to bivouac in those "silent tents" that Glory "guards with solemn round."

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I do not know how much land Moses Moore, Pioneer, finally held on Knapps Creek but judging from his will and other out-conveyances during his lifetime I will guess from 1000 to 1500 acres. He also owned land on Allegheny Mountain and the Little Calfpasture River in Virginia.

So, what happened to Moses Moore, Jr? Beginning in 1805 there were several out-conveyances from him until a final one in 1813. "From Moses Moore and Grizzella Moore, his wife of Bath County, State of Kentucky, 406 acres of land on Greenbrier River". Nothing further is known.

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During the first years of his pioneer life in our region, he spent much of his time hunting and trapping along Back Alleghany, upper Greenbrier River, and Clover Lick vicinity. He was a close observer of Indian movements, and would make a careful search for Indian signs before resuming operations as the hunting seasons returned. The usual place for the Indians to cross the Greenbrier, in the hunting grounds mentioned, was at a passage narrow enough for them to vault over with a long pole. He would take notice accordingly which side of the river the vaulting-pole would be on, and act accordingly. Finally the Indians seemed to have found out his strategy, and thereupon vaulted the narrow passage and cunningly threw the pole back to the other side.

This threw the hunter off his guard. It was Saturday; he set his traps, looked after the deer signs, and arranged his camp. The venerable William Collins, yet living (1901), is sure that the camping spot was on what is now the Charley Collins place, on the Greenbrier above the Cassell fording, at a place near Tub Mill where he was captured by the wily Indians.

It was the hunter's purpose to pass the Sabbath at his camp in quiet repose and devotional reading of the Bible he carried about with him for company. He had put a fat turkey to roast about daylight, and was reclining on a bear skin reading a lesson from the Word.

SOME THOUGHTS ON MOSES MOORE

During the past fifteen years I have studied the life and times of Moses moore in the following publications. The History of Pocahontas County W. VA. by William T. Price, 1901; The History of Pocahontas County West Virginia, 1981; Moses Moore, SR. and some descendants by Osee Johnson Knouf; Abstracts from the Records of Augusta County, Virginia by Lyman Chalkey; Early Western Augusta Pioneers by George W. Cleek; Annals of Augusta County Virginia by Joseph A. Waddell; and some thoughts from George Douglas McNeill in May 1958.

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The record is complicated by the fact that in the latter half of the eighteenth century there were three Moses Moores, all active. I wil call them Moses Moore, Sr. Moses Moore, Pioneer, and Moses Moore, Jr.

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At this date (1752) Moses Moore, Sr. was about 65 years old; his son, Moses Moore, Pioneer, at home on Timber Ridge was only 15. The Greenbrier Valley, inhabited by unfriendly indians and predatory animals, was a vast wilderness. James Swing had taken up land only the year before and Jacob Marlin and Stephen Sewell had spent the winter of 1750 here.

In 1754 the French and Indian War broke out making it difficult for the English settlers to maintain a foothold in the Valley. The dividing line between the Virginia settlements and the wilderness was the Jackson River. Moses Moore, Pioneer, often crossed this river to hunt and fish. On one occasion he ran out of luck and was captured by the indians just as he entered the wilderness, he was 21 years old and single, (note 3). He was taken by his captors to one of the chillicothe villages west of the Ohio River where he remained for an undetermined length of time. I suspect that he was still a captive when his father died in November of the same year, (1758), at the age of 72, (note 1).

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MOSES MOORE WILL
Will Book #1, Page 510
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The original Moses Moore cabin was located approximately 500 feet from this marker at a bearing of South 105 degrees East.

Notes:

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In the following picture of the marker a small hole has been made just off the upper left corner of the stone to locate the homestead of Moses Moore.

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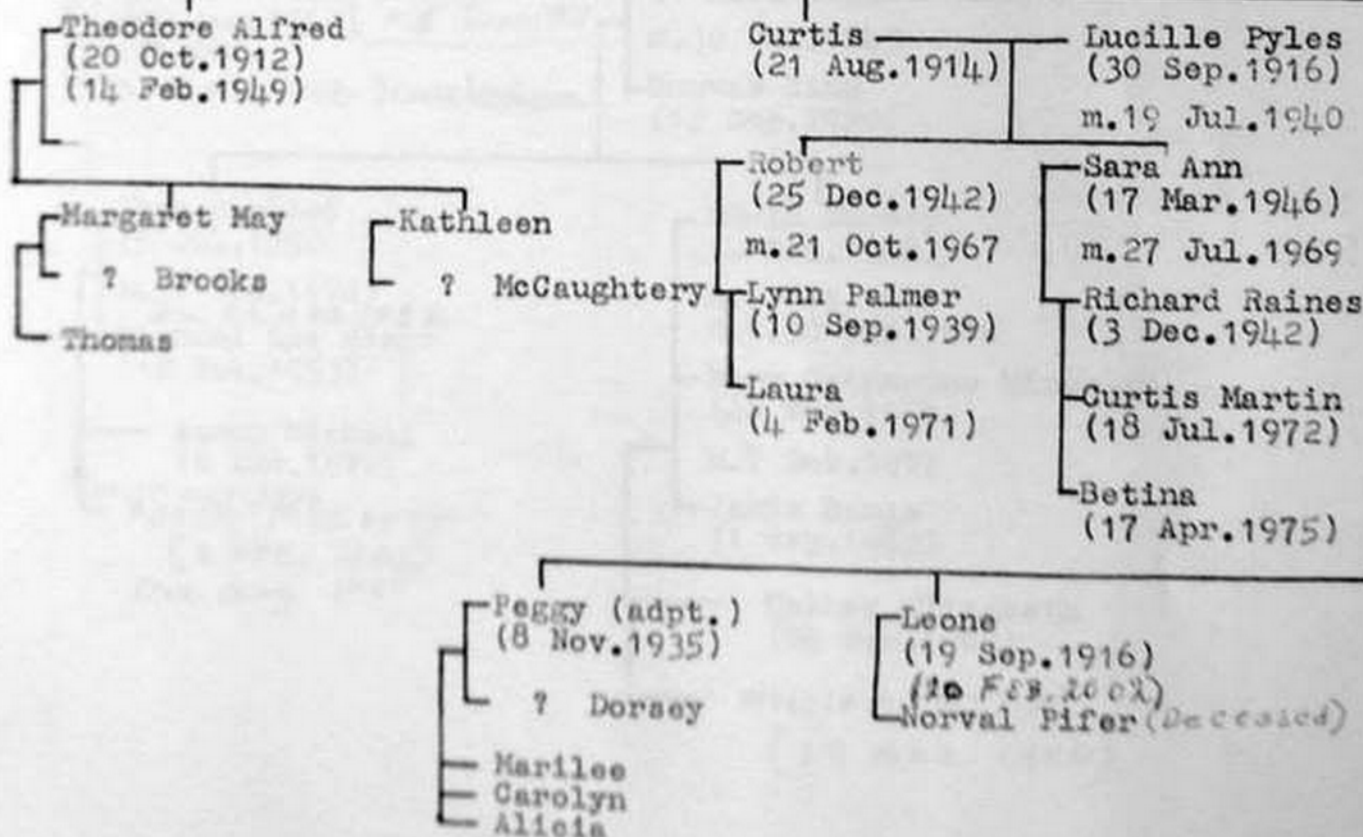
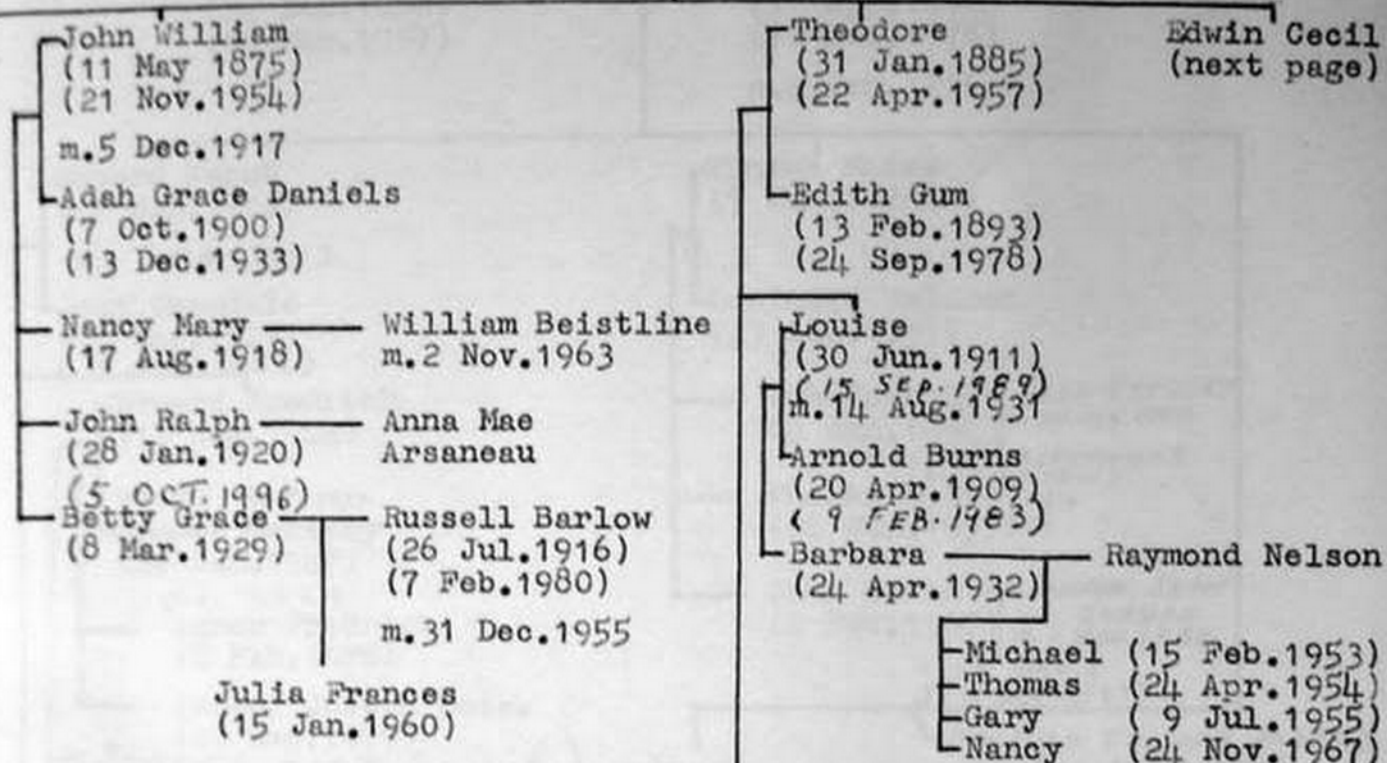
During the first years of his pioneer life in our region, he spent much of his time hunting and trapping along the Back Allegany, upper Greenbrier River, and Clover Lick vicinity. He was a close observer of Indian movements, and would make a careful search for Indian signs before resuming operations as the hunting seasons returned. The usual place for the Indians to cross the Greenbrier, in the hunting grounds mentioned, was at a passage narrow enough for them to vault over on a long pole. He would take notice accordingly which side of the river the vaulting-pole would be on, and act accordingly. Finally the Indians seemed to have found out his strategy, and thereupon vaulted the narrow passage and cunningly threw the pole back to the other side.

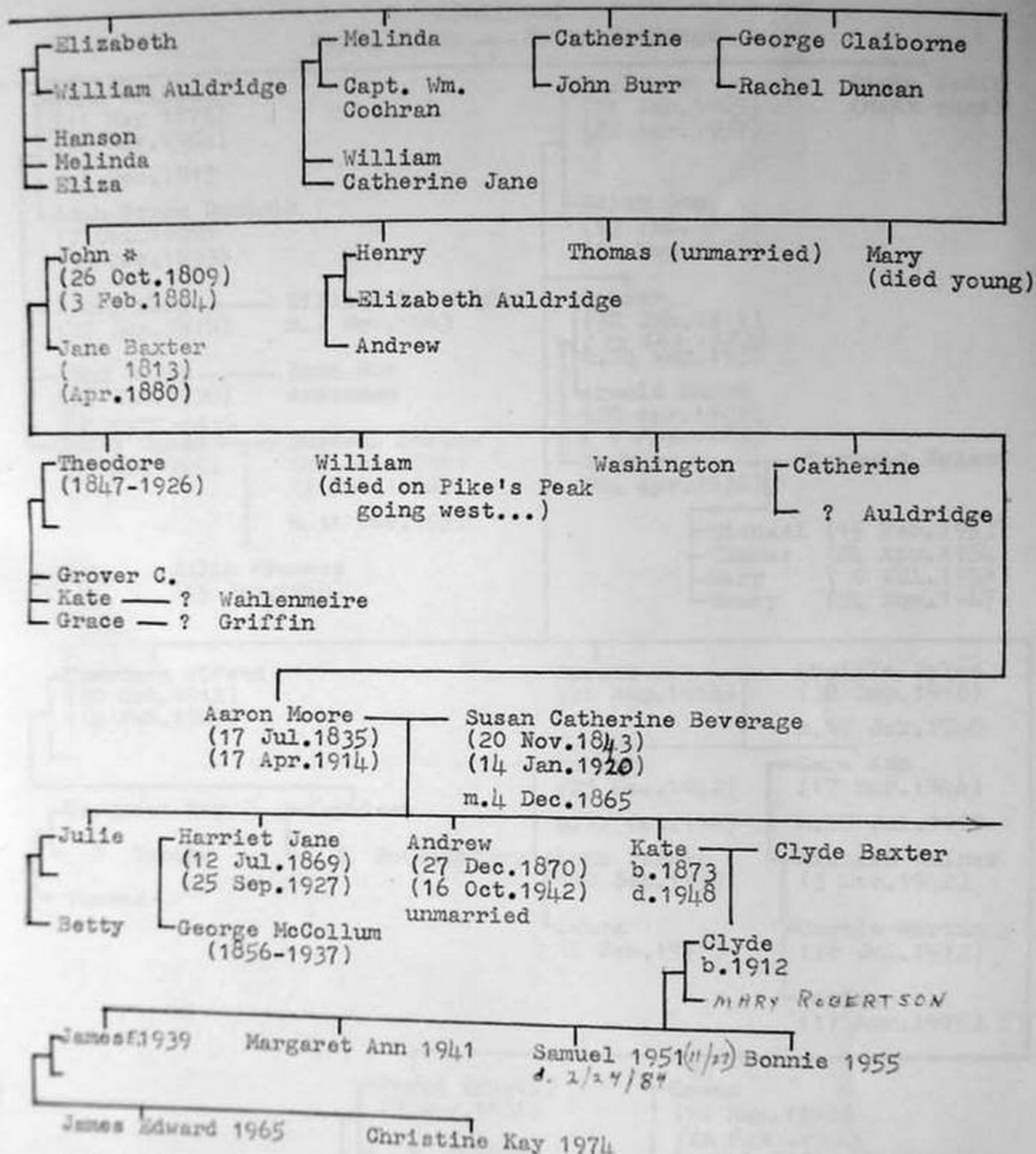
This threw the hunter off his guard. It was Saturday; he set his traps, looked after the deer signs, and arranged his camp. The venerable William Collins, yet living (1901), is sure that the camping spot was on what is now the Charlie Collins place, on the Greenbrier above the Cassell fording, at a place near Tub Mill where he was captured by the wily Indians.

It was the hunters purpose to pass the Sabbath at his camp in quiet repose and devotional reading of the Bible he carried about with him for company. He had put a fat turkey to roast about daylight, and was reclining on a bear skin reading a lesson from the Word, preparatory to a season of meditation and prayer before breakfast, a habit so characteristic of the Scotch-Irish at that period. He was interrupted by the breaking of a stick, and upon looking intently and steadily in the direction whence the sound seemed to have come he saw five or six warriors aiming their guns and moving cautiously upon him.

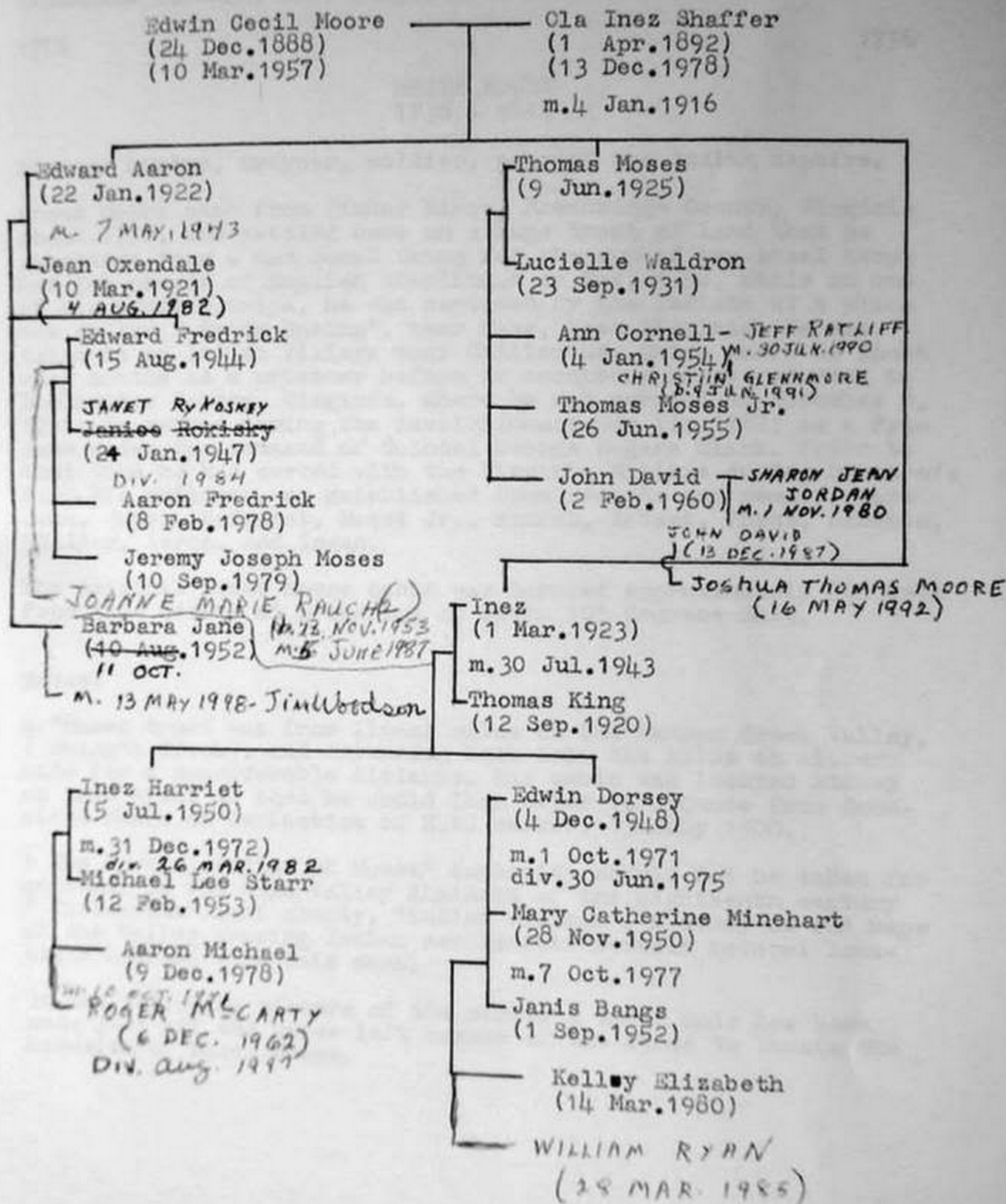
Seeing there was no chance of escape, hemmed in as he was, he threw up his hands and made signs for them to come to him. He put the turkey before them and made signs for them to eat. By

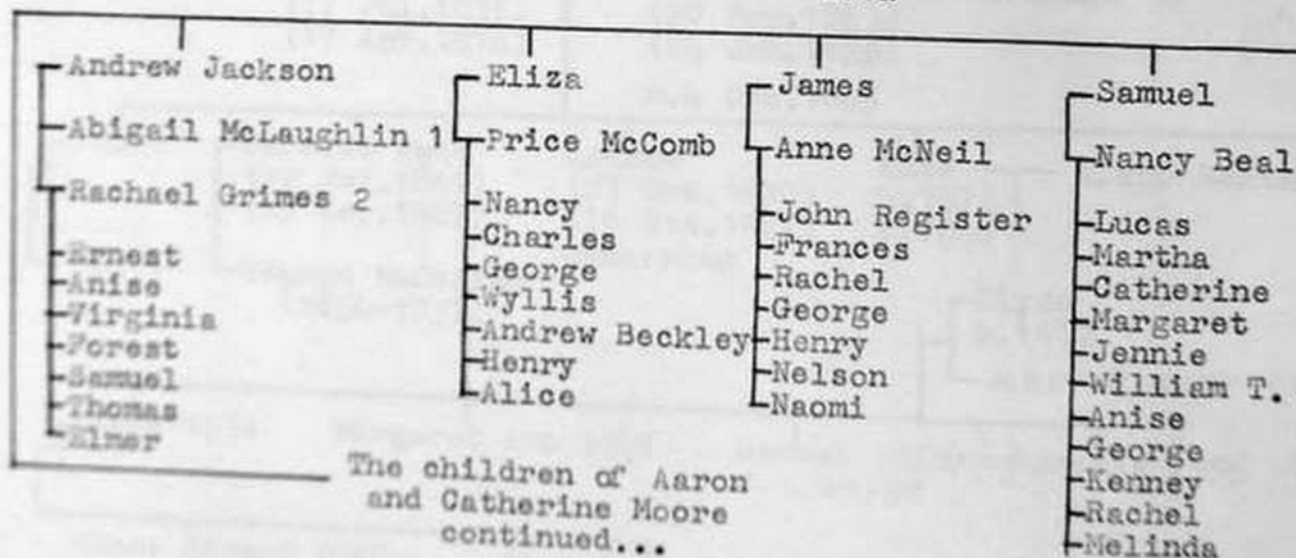
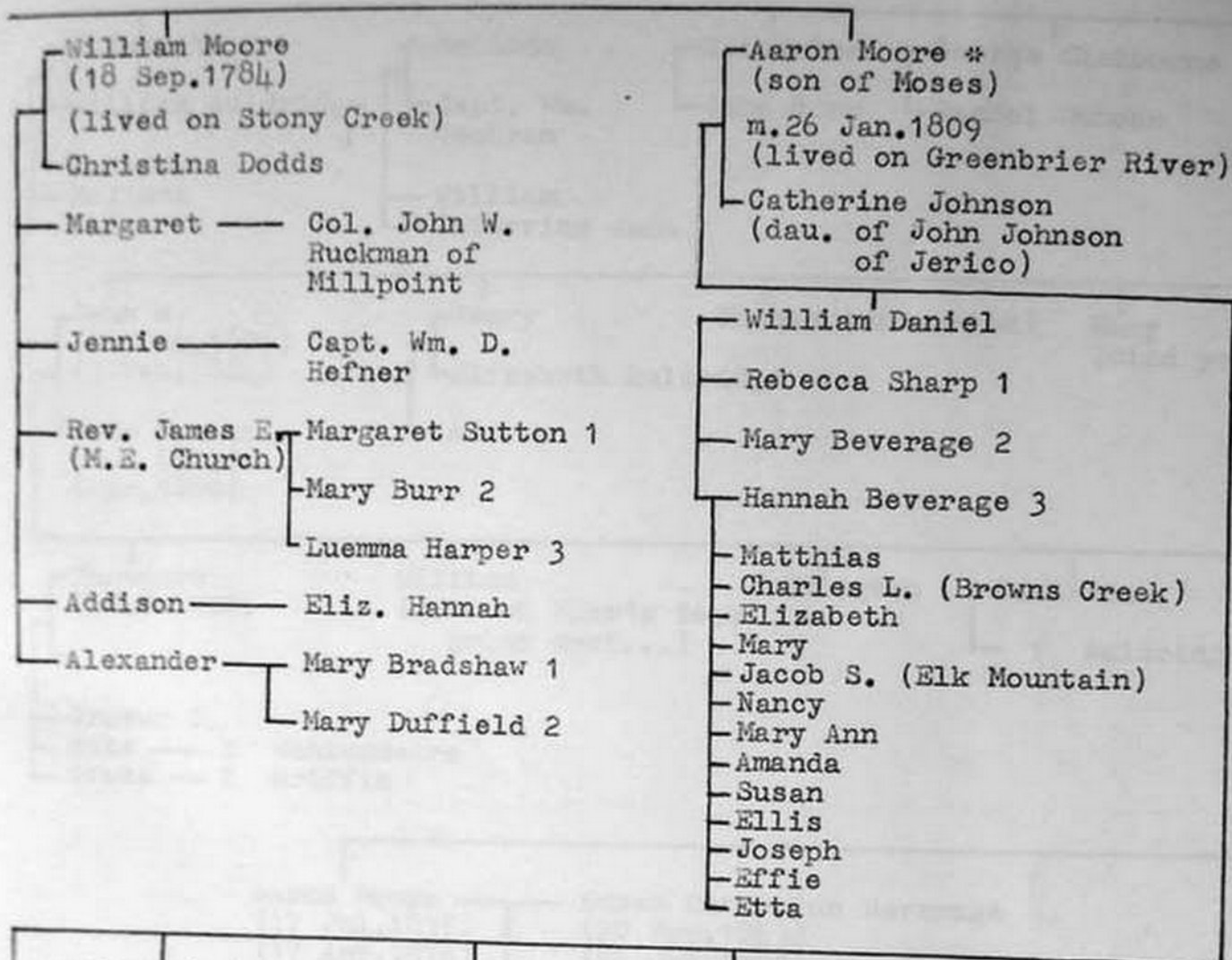
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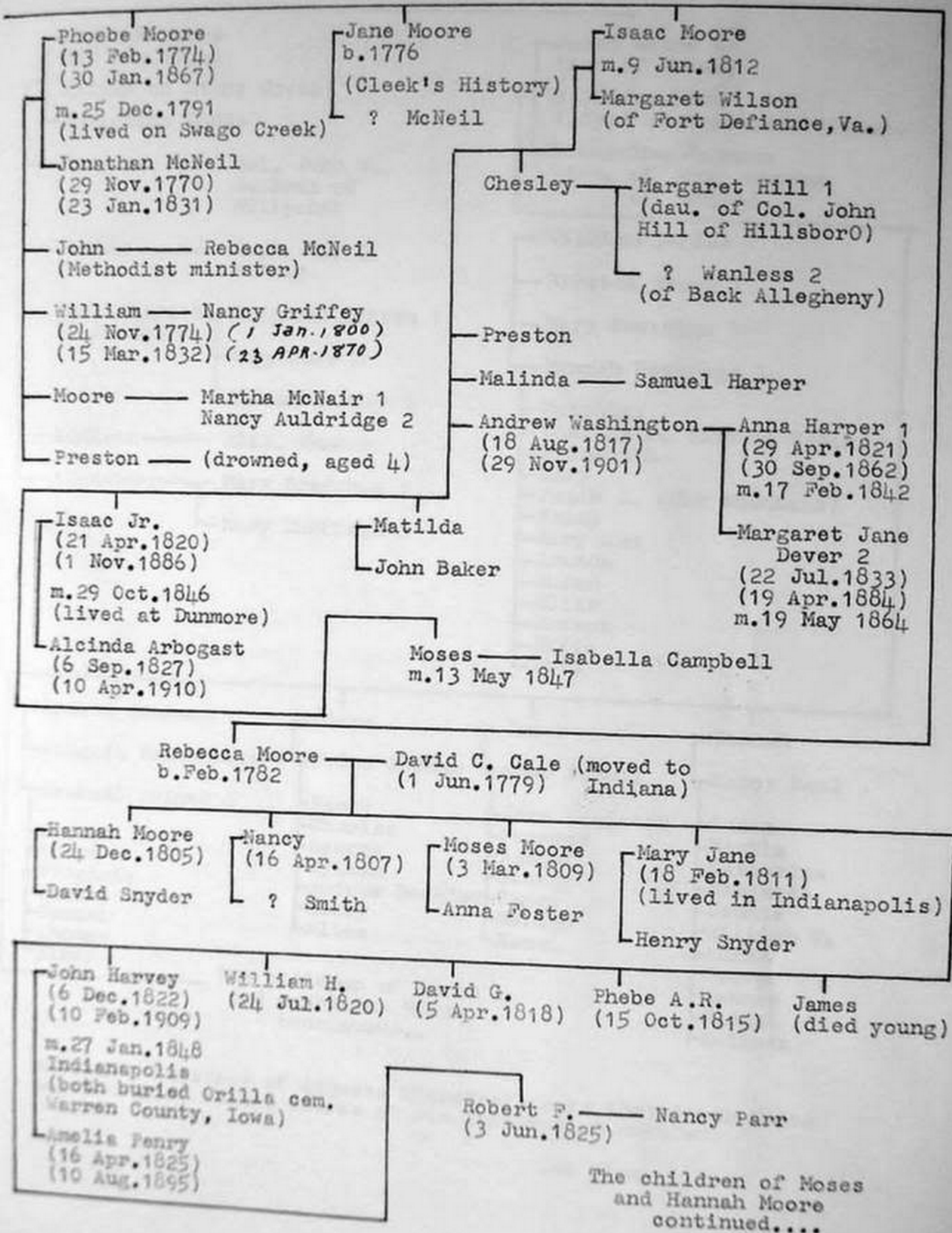
* John Moore was the eldest child of Aaron and Catherine. He acquired the Johnson property on Jerico Road, one mile north of Marlinton, through his mother. He is buried on the property on land now owned by the Pocahontas Development Co. and used as a quarry. His son Aaron is also buried in this family cemetery. The farm is presently owned by Thomas Moses Moore, the fourth generation to hold this land.





3. Clegg's "History of Augusta Pioneers", says that Aaron Moore was a twin of Isaac. Source of his information unknown.

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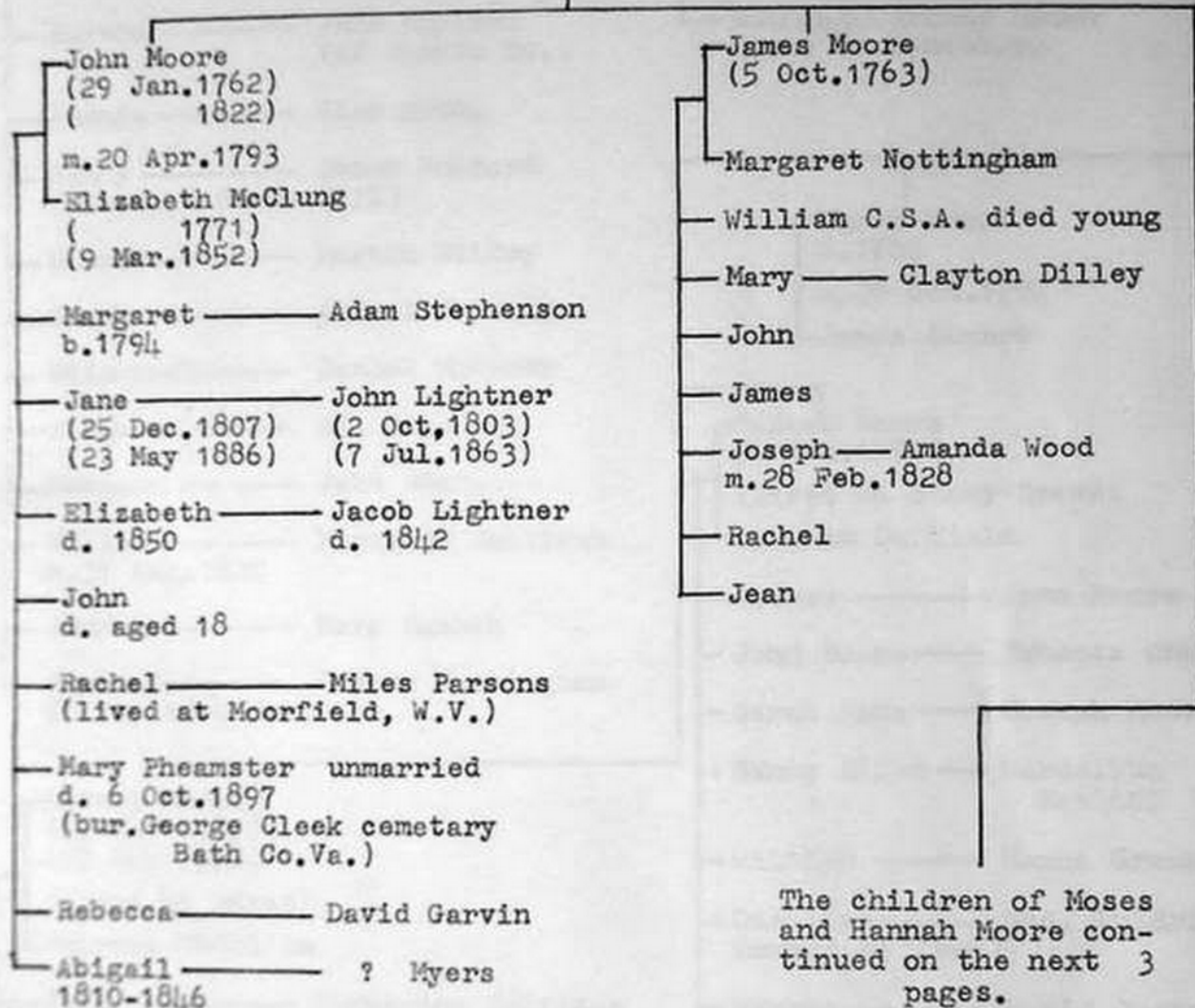
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CAPT. MOSES MOORE SR.
1686--1758

JANE

JOHN RISK

MARGARET

MOSES MOORE
Pioneer
1737 - 1812HANNAH RISK *
1740 - 1810
m. 8 Nov. 1761

William T. Price in his, "History of Pocahontas County", says that Moses Moore married a Miss Elliot. His evidence for this is family memory going back over one hundred years and Andrew Washington Moore, a grandson, who was 83 when he was interviewed by Price in 1900.

George W. Cleek in, "Early Western Augusta Pioneers", says that Moses Moore's wife was Hannah Risk.

Lyman Chalkey in, "Abstracts From The Records of Augusta County", points out that John Risk, of Timber Ridge, in his will of 1775 names Hannah Risk Moore. Chalkey's Records also names John Risk the father-in-law of Moses Moore. It is noteworthy that Moses Moore named a daughter Hannah while two other daughters called their children by the same name, possibly to honor their mother.

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